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SUBJ: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S MEETING WITH MAURITANIAN PERMREP

EL HASSEN, SEPT 23

1. GOVERNOR SCRANTON CALLED ON MAURITANIAN PERMREP EL HASSEN AT MAURITANIAN MISSION SEPT 23. HE THANKED EL HASSEN FOR MAURITANIA'S SUPPORT IN COLOMBO. EL HASSEN REPLIED THAT MAURITANIAN POLICY NOW IS TO REFRAIN FROM ACTING IN A WAY DETRIMENTAL TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US ON ITEMS SUCH AS PUERTO RICO AND GUAM. IN FACT, MAURITANIA WOULD TRY TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP ON THESE ISSUES. EL HASSEN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE KOREA QUESTION WAS DISPOSED OF FOR THE 31ST UNGA. EL HASSEN DESCRIBED HOW MUCH HIS COUNTRY VALUED ITS DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US.

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2. ON SAHARA, EL HASSEN REPEATED MOROCCAN PLAN (USUN 3844 NOTAL)

CONCERNING DEFERRAL OF ITEM ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD THIS TACTIC FAIL, MAURITANIANS WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH 4TH COMMITTEE RESOLUTION REFERRING MATTER TO OAU SUMMIT. EL HASSEN SAID THAT FOR HIM, AFTER SAHARA, SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS AND MIDDLE EAST WERE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS.

3. LASTLY, EL HASSEN RELATED THAT AT MEETING OF AVAILABLE OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE UN, MORNING SEPT 23, FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA HAD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH SECRETARY'S EFFORTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT "SILENT MAJORITY" AMONG AFRICANS AT UN, WHO FEEL AFRICA HAS BEEN IGNORED BY US, WOULD BE VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD WASHINGTON IN FUTURE SHOULD SECRETARY'S NEGOTIATIONS SUCCEED. FYI: FROM A SEPARATE SOURCE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFRICANS HERE AGREED IN THAT MEETING THAT THEY WOULD OPPOSE LIMITING GUERRILLA WARFARE WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS. END FYI.  
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